

Team Asthma Goes to School (TAGS) is a consultative service of the King County Asthma Forum's **Allies Against Asthma** project.

The goal of **Allies Against Asthma** is to make a positive difference in the lives of children who have asthma. TAGS will assist schools in addressing issues that may interfere with optimal asthma management.

TAGS is part of a comprehensive model developed by the King County Asthma Forum for **Allies Against Asthma**. Complementary programs include:

- Clinic-based "Asthma Champions" who work to improve the quality of asthma care at primary care clinics
- Community Health Workers who provide: in-home environmental assessments and asthma education; care coordination; and resources and guidance for reducing asthma triggers
- Childcare provider trainings and assessments of childcare sites to improve asthma management in the childcare setting
- Asthma education and outreach for people in the community who interact with children with asthma, such as youth program personnel and neighborhood leaders

#### Services available to schools through TAGS:

- Consultation with schools about factors influencing optimal environments for children with asthma
- Education of school personnel through inservices, brown bag lunches, posters, written materials
- Assistance coordinating educational offerings for parents and students after school, during PTSA meetings or health fairs, or at information tables during lunch periods
- Consultation with school personnel about the needs of specific children with asthma
- School walk-throughs with environmental health specialists to identify and address indoor and outdoor air quality issues
- Assistance to school nurses in setting up an asthma reference and help center
- Consultation with individual parents or students about managing asthma in the school setting and elsewhere
- Asthma education materials in various languages

#### In addition, TAGS will link schools with the following programs and curricula:

- Asthma Management in Educational Settings – A.M.E.S. (American Lung Association of Washington)
- Open Airways for Schools (American Lung Association of Washington)
- Asthma Care Training – A.C.T. (Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, Washington Chapter)
- Power Breathing (Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, Washington Chapter)
- Tools for Schools (Environmental Protection Agency)



### How can I, or my school participate in Team Asthma Goes to School?

If you have identified a concern, call the Allies Against Asthma outreach coordinator at the number below. She will ask you a series of questions designed to develop a set of activities that will best meet your needs. If needed, she will coordinate a meeting that will include you, other appropriate school personnel and TAGS team members. Together you will come up with a plan to address the identified concerns.

To ask for a **TAGS**  
consultation, call:

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The King County Asthma Forum is a coalition that brings together individuals and agencies to establish an on-going asthma network to communicate about, collaborate on, and coordinate projects that improve and support asthma prevention, diagnosis, and management in King County.

For more information about the King County Asthma Forum go to:  
<http://www.metrokc.gov/health/asthma/forum.htm>

For more information about Allies Against Asthma, go to:  
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